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1. [REDACTED] a Cominformist plot against the Yugoslav Communist Party was discovered in early June in one of the top level cells of the Yugoslav Communist Party itself. Instead of studying and discussing the Party material sent to them by the Party Headquarters, this cell reportedly discussed at their normal meetings questions concerning efficient Cominformist propaganda in the Army and in general plans against the Communist Party of Yugoslavia. The Secretary of this top cell was a Mihajlo Mazepa who was killed when about to be arrested.
2. The Officers Academy at Sarajevo went through a general purge during May since it was suspected that Cominformist cells existed in this institution. The following officers were arrested: Major Arslan Crnic, Major Novak Aleksic, Captain Djema Omerovic, Captain Alojzij Filipovic. Arslan Crnic was in a Russian Military Academy during 1946-1948. At Sarajevo he was teacher on subjects of artillery. Novak Aleksic is a partisan-officer and political commissar, member of the Politbureau of the Divisional Committee. He was teacher on national history. Omerovic is a professional supply-officer. He gave lectures on "supply problems of the army in peace and war". Besides these four officers, 48 cadets were also arrested and are now in a concentration camp on "socially useful work".
3. Since Cominformist cells were discovered also in other military schools, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia put in circulation a special circular addressed to the sub-committees of the Party organization, drawing their most careful attention to the selection of candidates for military schools.

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